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Application No. : 09/899,341  
Filed : July 5, 2001  
For : BI-DIRECTIONAL WAVELENGTH SWITCHED RING  
OPTICAL PROTECTION SWITCHING PROTOCOL  
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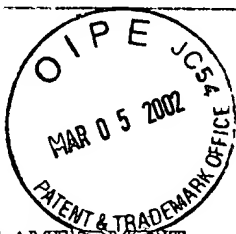
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Further to the filing of the above-identified patent  
application on July 5, 2001, the following preliminary amendments  
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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application. The following checked items are applicable:

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